

SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN FULTON

Annual Convention at Metamora An Inspiration—Large Attendance at Each Session—Helpful and Interesting Addresses—Aggressive Plans For Future Work

One of the factors that is at work among the citizens of Fulton county helping more than many people imagine to raise the standard of citizenship in the county, to raise the ideals and aspirations of individuals and, in consequence, to insure the sure and steady progress of the county in material, mental and spiritual lines; is the factor that finds its expression in the combined Sunday Schools of this county.

Without great ostentation, but quietly and persistently, the influence of the Sunday school permeates society through the years, implanting the love of truth and right and instilling the principles of kindness, temperance, brotherliness and love in the minds and lives of men, women and children. It is a factor that deserves and should have the support and active co-operation of every citizen; and there is no factor in our community life which holds larger potentialities for real good and permanent uplift than does this.

At least a glimpse of this factor and its work was afforded to the general public by the Annual Convention of the Fulton Sunday School Association last week Tuesday and Wednesday at Metamora. The at-

W. C. T. U. INSTITUTE.
Tudor M. E. church May 26th, 1915.
9:15 Opening Song Service.
Devotional. Members of Wauseon Union.
Personal consecration.
Appointment of Committees.
Introduction of Leader, Mrs. Mary Jennings, Marion, Ohio.
Plans of Work for State and National Prohibition.
The following union meetings have been made more effective: Discussion led by local preachers followed by others.
11:40 Executive Meeting: What the Fulton County W. C. T. U. does Towards State Wide Prohibition.
11:45 Noonday Prayer, Mrs. Mary Jennings.
12:15 Pot Luck Dinner at W. C. T. U. Hall.
1:15 Devotional, Mrs. Mary Watkins, Delta.
Paper—Christ's Call to Woman. Mrs. Hattie Cameron, Delta.
Song, Oden Rickard, Tudor.
State Paper, Peace and Arbitration. Maude Hubbard, Tudor.
Reading, The Red Rose: Hulda Seiler, Tudor.
Talk: What the Home Rule Amendment Means to Ohio? Elder John Hoag, Tudor.
Paper—Woman's Suffrage, Mrs. H. W. Stotzer, Archbold.
Musical Music, Mrs. Anna Stevens, Tudor.
Selection—Wauseon Union.
Reading—Our Nations Shame, Mrs. Little Fayer, Tudor.
Selection—Metamora Union.
State Paper—Anti-Narcotics, Mrs. Stella Stevens.
State Paper—Why Every Woman Should Want the Ballot? Oak Shade Union.
Remarks—A. D. Miller, Pastor M. E. church.
Offering—Reports of Committees.
W. C. T. U. Benediction.

DREAM OF BROTHERHOOD

The Ruling Ideas of Modern Philosophy and Theology—Falling Back to Barbarism Is Not a Pleasant Thought—The Condition of Three Continents—The Effect of the War—We May Learn at The Cost of Europe.

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High Schools of Williams and Fulton Counties in Clean Contests on Field and Platform—Bryan Takes First Place in Athletics—Wauseon First in Oratory

The Third Annual Track Meet and Oratorical Contest of the Williams-Fulton County Athletic Association occurred last Friday under most favorable conditions; the weather was just right, the Athletic Park in prime shape and a large and enthusiastic crowd of people were present to witness the events and hear the oratory. It is a matter for self congratulation on the part of the people of Wauseon that they are able to entertain such an event here for it is a real pleasure and an undoubted profit to any community to have an event so empty of "worth while" take place within its boundaries. One of the factors which helps largely to make Wauseon able to entertain such an event is the fine Athletic Park which through the efforts of the Wauseon Athletic Association has been made available for this village. Certainly the citizens of our town should take pride and treasure enough in this Park to see to it that the association do not lack for means to keep it up. It was an inspiring sight Friday afternoon when the boys from eight High Schools in the two counties contested for honors in clean healthful Athletic sports; the presence of the various teams on the field was an assurance that in our public schools both physical and mental development are being kept in step and an end toward which the teachers are working. According to the rules of the Association no person can be a contestant unless he be a bona fide member of a High School and up to the standard in his class room work.

Furthermore it goes without saying that physical and mental development of the sort these boys are getting must result in a large measure of moral development, these fellows are building character that is strong at the same time that they are building strong minds and bodies and that is the kind of men the world needs, strong in body mind and moral character.

Another feature of the occasion which made it inspiring was the presence of teachers, principals, superintendents and parents of the contestants and as well citizens who bore none of these relations but still manifested by their presence their active interest in the boys and their interests. Archbold and Bryan both had special cars over the T. & L. besides those who came by autos from those towns. Montpelier people came over by the Wabash and by autos and one business man of Montpelier, with no children, Mr. A. J. Brown, drove over in his auto in order to bring a load of boys and to root for the Montpelier team.

Whether contestants gained medals or not, not one of them but gained something of far greater value to himself and to society; he learned the value of team work, how to master himself and to meet in fair play his fellows. The Bryan Team won the highest honors of the meet by a wide margin, making 47 points with Fayette second, this team having scored 19 points. Montpelier came third with 16 points and just one point behind them Wauseon took fourth place with 15 points to their credit. Delta came next with 12 points. Archbold, Stryker and Swanton had each 5 points so that no school failed to win some points; as a matter of fact they all did well. Bryan earned the silver cup magnificently.

As to individual winners, Shaffer of Bryan took the gold medal as best all round athlete. Our Wauseon boys did nobly even though they were outdistanced by teams from the schools mentioned above. Ackerman captured first place for the "Red and White" in the 440 yard dash and Farley made a splendid showing in the Mile Run. Leu of Montpelier took first in the high jump clearing the rod six feet 6 inches. Liedel of Delta captured first place in the pole vault and 220 yard dash while Roth of Fayette was first the half mile race. Here are the records made in the various events last Friday: 100 yards, Shaffer of Bryan, 11 seconds. Half Mile, Roth of Fayette, 12 minutes, 19 seconds. Pole Vault, Liedel of Delta, 10 feet. Shot Put, Shaffer of Bryan, 36 feet, 4 inches. 440 Yards, Ackerman, Wauseon, 56.2 seconds. High Jump, Leu, Montpelier, 5 feet 6 inches. Mile Run, R. Hamet, Bryan, 5 minutes 11.58 seconds. Discus throw, Hagerman, Wauseon, 56.2 seconds. 220 Yard, Liedel of Delta, 25.7 seconds. Broad Jump, W. Hamet, Bryan, 18 feet 1 inch. Relay

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